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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Brigham City, UT General Bird Survey March 2, 2015

Volunteer Kristin Purdy conducted a general bird survey (non-waterbird) on the refuge on Mar 2, 2015, recording 16 species. The species list still reflects winter residents, although early seasonal movements are reflected in increasing Marsh wren numbers (113) and absence of Rough-legged Hawks. Breeding behavior was evident in Song sparrow vocalizations (song only) as opposed to contact and call notes of winter months. Large Horned lark aggregations of winter have dispersed to single birds singing over sparse grasslands, and three pairs of Northern harriers were observed aerial displaying over Phragmites. Both lark and harrier behaviors indicate breeding activity. Breeding behavior was also evident in a Peregrine falcon pair team hunting and perching closely as female of the pair plucked and consumed the kill.

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| Ring-necked pheasant | 14 |
| Black-billed magpie | 6 |
| Common raven | 10 |
| Horned lark | 9 |
| Black-capped chickadee | 2 |
| Marsh wren | 113 |
| European starling | 22 |
| Song sparrow | 64 |
| White-crowned sparrow | 5 |
| Red-winged blackbird | 336 |
| Western meadowlark | 6 |
| House sparrow | 55 |
| Bald eagle | 6 |
| Northern harrier | 22 |
| Red-tailed hawk | 2 |
| Peregrine falcon | 2 |

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